



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 97 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 95 percent last year, 25 percent had been defoliated compared to 28 percent last year, and 10 percent had been harvested compared with 18 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week with harvest taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were mostly rated poor to fair. In the northeastern part of the State, range conditions are still poor and moisture at this point may not improve late season growth. Warm winds and low humidity served to exacerbate the droughty conditions in the north central and northwestern parts of the State. In the southeastern part of the State, many ranchers are hauling water for cattle and selling their calf crop due to drought conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	97	90	95	85
Defoliated	25	21	28	27
Harvested	10	5	18	13

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	--	1
Short.....	34	25	15	20
Adequate	63	72	83	76
Surplus	2	1	2	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	--	4
Short.....	35	26	17	16
Adequate	63	72	81	78
Surplus	--	--	2	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	9	7	3	4
Fair.....	19	17	11	19
Good	54	54	52	42
Excellent	18	22	34	32
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	7	11	2	2
Fair.....	35	41	50	20
Good	48	39	35	46
Excellent	10	9	12	30
Pasture and range				
Very poor	17	9	29	15
Poor.....	35	44	33	14
Fair.....	34	37	15	28
Good	14	10	12	33
Excellent	--	--	11	10

NA – not available

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